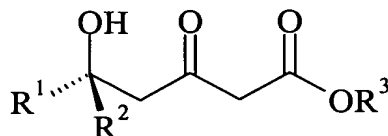


5 Abstract

The invention relates to a process for preparing optically active 5-hydroxy-3-ketoesters of formula A1 or A2,

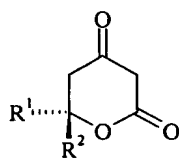


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A1 or A2

or one of the tautomers thereof,

the use thereof for preparing optically active dihydropyrones of formula B,

B

and the use of the dihydropyrones of formula B thus prepared as starting compounds for preparing pharmaceutically active compounds, particularly Tipranavir.

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